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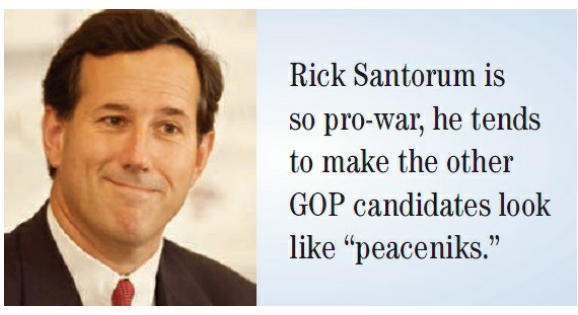

Santorum Linked to Unsavory Warmongers

By Michael Collins Piper

The behind-the-scenes connections of the new conservative icon in the 2012 Republican presidential primary campaign — former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Penn.) — explain why Santorum is such a fanatical warmonger and promoter of the interests of Israel. *Washington Post* columnist Eugene Robinson summarized it well, writing on Jan. 7:

> With the exception of Ron Paul, the Republican candidates have competed to see who can be most hawkish on Iran's nuclear program. Santorum wins, hands down. He has said flatly that, unless Iran agrees to open its nuclear facilities to inspection and begins to dismantle them, as president he would order military strikes. In fact, Iran is already under nuclear inspection, but Santorum seems not to care. He has said he believes an attack by Israel or the United States is probably inevitable.

Santorum — who gave a speech in Washington in 2007, in which he openly spoke of the need to "eradicate" Muslims in a "long war" — has also claimed there is no such people as "Palestinians," echoing an outrageous lie more prominently told by his GOP challenger Newt Gingrich.

Not surprisingly, over the past several years, Santorum's principal political activity has been acting as the official in-house "Muslim basher" and advocate for Israel at the Washington-based Ethics and Public Policy Center, further pandering to those elements that provided him a great deal of funding through pro-Israeli political action committees during the 12 years he served in the Senate.

Although both Mitt Romney and Gingrich have surrounded themselves with — and have been funded by — hard-line supporters of Israel, Santorum has some very unsavory connections in that same realm.

One of Santorum's longtime political intimates is Barbara Ledeen, who is associated with a propaganda organization known as the Israel Project. And it is no coincidence that Mrs. Ledeen's husband, Michael Ledeen, is one of the most notorious longtime operatives engaged in high-level intrigues in Washington and around the globe on behalf of that foreign nation.

Remembered for his role in the infamous Iran-Contra affair during the Reagan years — an arms-smuggling venture in which Israel played a central role — Ledeen popped up once again during the George W. Bush administration where he was, according to former CIA officer Philip Giraldi, one of the key figures promoting the propaganda myth that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had obtained nuclear material (known as "yellowcake") from Niger.

Ledeen has also been linked to the shadowy Rome based Propaganda Due organization, a high-powered Masonic lodge long active in subversive activities throughout Italy and Europe during the 1970s and 1980s.

Most indicative of Ledeen's tendencies is his role as one of the founders of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, a Washington-based operation whose associates have been repeatedly linked — in the course of multiple FBI investigations — to corruption and espionage on behalf of Israel. Such figures include neo-con lobbyist for Israeli arms dealers, Richard Perle, and his protégé, the late Stephen J. Bryen, and former Defense Department officials Paul Wolfowitz and Douglas Feith.

During that period when there was a fierce debate within the Israeli lobby as to whether the United States should first target Iraq or Iran, Ledeen was a leader of the "Iran first" faction. And while today Ledeen ostensibly warns of the dangers of engaging Iran militarily, he does say that it ultimately may become necessary.

Like Santorum's urging that the United States "eradicate" the Muslims, Ledeen has called for "creative destruction" of the Arab world. Such violence, he claims, is"entirely in keeping with . . . American tradition."

AFP first pointed out in 2003 — and reiterated in its Jan. 16 issue — that Santorumis such a hard-core devotee of the Israeli lobby agenda that he actually conspired with the lobby to introduce legislation to curtail criticism of Israel on American college campuses by cutting federal funds to universities found to be permitting professors and students to openly criticize Israel. AFP's expose of Santorum was pivotal in killing that plan — for now.

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